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Happy Mother's Day May 8th to our Island Moms and their Moms, too!

Rock Around the Clock Tower

Treasure Island's favorite street party
Saturday, May 14 • Music starts at 6:00 p.m.
For more information, visit MyTreasureIsland.com
Or call (727) 547-4575, ext. 221

Pasta Dinner

Friday, May 20 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Paradise Lutheran Church • 10255 Paradise Blvd.

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Meat or Vegetable Lasagna,

Meaty Ziti, Sausage, Salad and Dessert

Takeout Available

\$10 per ticket; \$5 for children 12 and under

Proceeds to Nokumbaya Medical Mission

RSVP 727-360-5739 or 727-363-3764

PICA Picnic & Movie

Saturday, May 21 • Treasure Bay • 6:30 p.m.

Movie "Sing 2" starts at 8:30 p.m.

Members - \$5 per person / \$10 family

Non-members - \$10 per person / \$20 family

Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, water & an outdoor movie

Adult beverages can be purchased at Treasure Bay

Sign up and advanced payment is requested.

Go to: ParadiseIslandCivicAssociation.com

For more info call Cindy Massie at 727-367-3841

PICA Wine Tasting

Wednesday, June 8 • Vino Simpatico
Tasting begins at 6:30 p.m.
Members - \$20 per person
Non-Members - \$25 per person
6 wines, heavy appetizers and music by Fiona
Sign up and advanced payment is requested.
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From the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Our first quarter has taken off! We had our first general meeting at Treasure Bay and those that attended learned a little more about PICA and also heard from

Police Chief Barkley and Mayor Payne. The Sunset & Symphony event drew a nice crowd. Your PICA board members worked hard pouring wine and beer at this event. The annual Chili cook off was next, which was sold out. Followed by the PICA Yard Sale, it was a big success, the weather was perfect, and I heard many treasures were found!

We unfortunately missed seeing everyone at the Spring mixer. Because of weather and staffing issues we had to cancel.

I hope to see many attend the upcoming events –the PICA Picnic & Movie on May 21 and my personal favorite, the wine tasting on June 8

I am happy to see Duke Energy has installed low lighting on both Paradise & Treasure Lane, It will be so much safer for bikers and walkers in the early morning and evening.

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns or suggestions to better Paradise Island. We have taken your comments to heart. Remember we do live in Paradise.

Cindy Massie, PICA President cinmass@tampabay.rr.com website:ParadiseIslandCivicAssociation.com

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A Look Back at the Treasure Islettes History

The Treasure Islettes was founded in 1955 by ladies who resided in the beach community of Treasure Island. The women organized it as a club that would help the new city with civic and social functions and provide safe organized activities for the city's youth. The stated goal is "to promote an interest in Treasure Island, to do civic, and social and community assistance."

Over the years the membership has peaked at over 300 members! Smaller now, but just as mighty, being an Islette continues to mean having neighborhood pride and sharing sorority through a spirit of volunteerism.

Through extensive fundraising efforts Treasure
Islettes have donated over 1million dollars to the City
of T.I. Fire, Police and Recreation Departments, local
civic and business associations, area hospitals, loc

business associations, area hospitals, local charities, needy families, schools, children's clubs, and scholarships. Money is raised through weekly Thursday night BINGO games at the Community Center, annual Holly Feuncheons and Spring Fashion shows, and frequent 50/50 and "waffle" drawings.



ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK TOWER

Treasure Island's favorite street party, Rock Around the Clock, returns to the clock tower in downtown Treasure Island on Saturday, May 14.

Restaurants will offer a full menu and outdoor dining and businesses and vendors will sell their goods and services. For traffic control, 107th Avenue will be closed on Saturday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. from 1st Street East to Gulf Boulevard. East and westbound traffic can use 108th Avenue, 106th Avenue and 104th Avenue as alternate routes.

Metered Parking will be available at City Hall, located at 120 108th Avenue; also at the Treasure Community Center and Park located at Gulf Boulevard and 106th Avenue (behind Walgreen's).

Music begins at 6:00 p.m. with Chris Maning. At 8:00 p.m. The Black Honkeys will begin.

For more information, visit MyTreasureIsland.com Or call (727) 547-4575, ext. 221



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SUMMER IS HERE

Time for Cooking on the Grill and Enjoying an Open Fire

Tips for keeping you and your family safe

Thomas Brennan, Deputy Fire Chief Treasure Island Fire Department



As we enjoy our wonderful Florida summers, many people plan a summer of fantastic outdoor activities, using grills, sitting around a fire pit to enjoy a cold beverage, and other outdoor activities. While we take pleasure in these activities, we must be mindful of the potential fire and life safety hazards. The following recommendations from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) are to keep you and your loved ones safe this summer (* McKelvey, 21).

Make sure your gas grill is working properly.

- Leaks or breaks are primarily a problem with gas grills. Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- If your Grill has a gas leak detected by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the Grill. If the leak stops, get the Grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- Suppose you smell gas while cooking; immediately get away from the Grill and do not move it. Turn the Grill and gas off if the flame goes out and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

Never leave equipment unattended.

- Make sure to monitor food cooking on the Grill closely. Turn the Grill off promptly when you're done cooking, and let it cool completely before returning it to its original location.
- For campfires, fire pits, and chimineas, always have a
 hose, bucket of water, shovel, and dirt or sand nearby, and make sure the fire is completely out before
 going to sleep or leaving the area.

Keep equipment at a safe distance from things that can burn.

- Place your Grill well away (at least 3 feet) from anything that can burn, including deck railings and overhanging branches; also, keep them out from under the eaves.
- Keep portable grills safe from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.

- Keep children and pets well away from any equipment in use.
- In areas where campfires are permitted, they must be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn. Also, clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.

Use fuel and fire starters properly.

- If you use starter fluid to ignite charcoals, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never use gasoline or flammable or combustible liquids on firepits, chimineas, or campfires.
- For electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire, make sure the extension cord is designed for outdoor use.

If a fire breaks out, call the fire department.

 Call the fire department immediately for assistance for any outdoor fire that can't be quickly and effectively extinguished.

Know Treasure Island's local fire safety ordinances:

- No person shall build a fire or aid or assist in building a fire on the easements, parks, or beaches without the consent of the city commission.
- A campfire or other fire will be allowed that is used solely for recreational purposes, for ceremonial occasions, for outdoor noncommercial preparation of food, or on cold days for warming of outdoor workers, as long as excessive visible emissions are not emitted.

* McKelvey, S. (21, June 02). National Fire Protection Agency. Retrieved from https://www.nfpa.org/





Treasure Island Appreciation Day



PICA volunteered with the Fire Department and gave out free Bike Helmets.











Chili Cook-Off!

PICA made a strong presence at the Chili Cook off, running both the raffle and beer table! Thank you to Debbie Parks, Brenda Newman, Kurt Furlong and Tammy Slater-Kendrick for helping.

Special Congrats to our Mayor Tyler Payne for Payne winning First Place for his Hillbilly Chili.





Batman sighted in Treasure Island

How exciting to have Batman stop by Treasure Bay in early March. Batman met with fans of all ages and it was great to see *mostly* smiling faces.









Commissioner Saleene Partridge

Hello Paradise Island!

It is hard to believe we are right around the corner from summer.

Kids will be out of school in just a few short weeks so we will all want to be extra cautious driving through the neighborhood. Treasure Island will be hosting summer camp again this year with a priority given to local residents and city employees. Contact the parks and recreation department for more information.

The Gulf Beaches Rotary Tennis Challenge was another success and resulted in the Rotary Club donating proceeds to our Treasure Island children's camp. Thank you for all residents who participated in the day.

I'd like to send out a big thank you to Cindy and the PICA board. They did an exceptional job at this year's Community Appreciation Day. They fitted children with bike helmets and helped parents learn the proper way to secure their child's/grandchild's bike helmets. What a great service to our community!

I was proud to be out and assisting on our beautiful beach for the clean-up that happened recently on Earth Day. It was a huge success that drew local news coverage. Well done, Treasure Island, for showing our love and commitment to our beaches. Check out our city website for the next Beautify T.I. - Volunteer Day and our other volunteer opportunities. Working together we can all make a positive impact.

At the request of one of our residents, the city will be putting out a weekly newsletter. You can sign up to receive

e-notifications for the newsletter at mytreasureisland.com/notifications.

We have been receiving great feedback on our updated website regarding parking information. Check out the new parking information at mytreasureisland.com/parking.

The Florida Department of Transportation has scheduled maintenance on the John's Pass Bridge to begin around the spring of 2022 and carry on through 2023. You may want to check our website for updates on this project once it's underway.

At one of our last commission meetings, I was honored by my fellow commissioners with a nomination and unanimous vote to continue serving as the Vice Mayor of Treasure Island. I am honored to serve you and all of Treasure Island in this capacity. I am passionate about our city and will continue working diligently to represent our residents.

I am also honored to represent Treasure Island as a voting member of the Suncoast League of Cities. My first meeting was last month, and the majority of the discussion was centered around homelessness in Pinellas County. Amy Foster, CEO of Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas presented statistics regarding the growing issue and what strategies are being considered. In Treasure Island we are implementing new programs as well as partnering up with other beach communities to collaborate our efforts in dealing with homelessness. Together we can make a difference.

We have so much to be grateful for on our beautiful island and I wish all our families a fun and safe summer.

Best Regards,

Saleene Partridge

Vice Mayor

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Carol Jean Vosburgh:

Winner of the annual St. Anthony's
Triathlon for her grouping. The triathlon included
cycling, swimming and running.
We want to Congratulate her as a former PICA
president and current resident of Paradise Island.

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